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Response

Applicants believe there are four separate and distinct inventions in claims 1-6, 21, 22, and 23-26. The first invention includes claims 1-6 dealing basically with a vehicle wheel bearing having a monolithic outer race assembly 50 and is illustrated in figures 2-3. The second invention includes claim 21 dealing basically with a vehicle wheel bearing having an end cap 104 and is illustrated in figure 4. The third invention includes claim 22 dealing basically with a vehicle wheel bearing having an inboard seal 120 and is also illustrated in figure 4. The fourth invention includes claims 23-26 dealing basically with a vehicle wheel bearing having an anti-lock-braking-system (ABS) speed sensor 148 and target ring 150 and is illustrated in figure 5. Applicants have cancelled claims 21, 22, and 23-26 but reserve the right to file divisional applications on such inventions. All "expressions" of the embodiments of the invention, such as those of claims 1-6, 21, 22, and 23-26, have been fully illustrated as to all features claimed or intended to be claimed.

Inasmuch as the claim cancellation has responded to the Examiner's Election Requirement, Applicants request that the elected invention claims be examined.

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